



**Faith Lutheran Church  
Summer Worship July 31st, 2022  
GATHERING**

**Prelude**

Accompanist

**Call to worship**

**Greeting & Prayer Requests**

A: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

(Prayer requests)

Gathering Hymn

**Amazing Grace**

**ELW #779**

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Eternal God our creator,

**C: In you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

**ELW Pg# 138**

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Canticle of Praise**

**Bells: 'Pie Jesu**

## **Prayer of the Day**

A: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

2Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. 12I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, 13applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. 14I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. 2:18I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me 19—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, 21because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)*

1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

**2 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**4 I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

5 Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

**6 the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, boast of their great riches?**

7 One can never redeem another, give to God the ransom for another's life;

**8 for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

9 in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

**10 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

11 Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

**12 Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

## Second Reading

## Colossians 3:1-11

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

1So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. 5Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

L: Holy wisdom, holy word... **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Kids' Time

**Gospel Acclamation** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW #172

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah.**  
**Halle, halle, halle-lujah.**

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

**Gospel**

**Luke 12:13-21**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.....**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

13Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*(Response After Reading)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day

### This is my father's world Day

ELW #824

- 1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
- 3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

### Apostles' Creed

A: Let us confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,**



**and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of the Church.....**

**A:** Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress (especially).

Renew us at your table of mercy.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place (specific ministries may be named).

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints (especially). Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

P: The peace of the lord be with you all

**C: and also with you**

**A:** *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared*

**C: Offertory**

**We Give Thee but Thine Own**

**ELW #686**

- 1** We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
  
- 2** May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our firstfruits give.
  
- 3** The captive to release,  
to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christlike thing.
  
- 4** And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

**Offering Prayer**

**P:** God of abundance:

**C:** **you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**

**As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **Meal**

### **Words of Institution**

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Distribution**

### **Communion songs**

#### **Children of the Heavenly Father**

**ELW #781**

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.**
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**4 Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.**

**Lord, Be Glorified ELW #744**

**1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.**

**3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

**4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

**Sending**

**Blessing**

**P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior keep you in his grace.

## **Post Communion Prayer:**

P: Life-giving God,

**C: Through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

## **Benediction**

P: The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## **Sending Song**

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

**ELW #705**

**1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,**

**3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.**

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace as a ...

**All:** family of God built on love: Worshiping, welcoming,  
learning, and serving in Christ's name.

## **Postlude**